



NEXT STEPS: Program Funding from State Government. As noted above, the Budget Act for the State Fiscal Year 2000-01 provides that \$135 million appropriated for implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program may not be spent until a statute is enacted certifying that projects or purposes for which the funds are expended are consistent with an EIS/EIR certified by the state lead agency as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The State will consider a measure to provide this certification early in 2001.

Additionally, the Governor's Budget for State Fiscal Year 2001-02, to be submitted to the Legislature in January 2001, will contain requests for continued funding for implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Authorization for Federal Appropriations. The CALFED agencies will seek legislation for authorizations and appropriations specifically for implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, in addition to project specific authorizations and appropriations.

Governance. The CALFED agencies intend to seek state and federal legislation in 2001 to establish and authorize a new CALFED governance structure. This legislation is essential to provide leadership, accountability, and stakeholder involvement in the process.

Water Transfers Review and Approval Process. CALFED agencies are working closely with a Water Transfer Work Group to streamline the water transfer review and approval process. Implementation of some of these recommendations may require legislation.

Water Transfers Wheeling Arrangements. The ROD indicates that it is necessary to encourage and promote water transfers by facilitating "wheeling" transactions and indicates that if legislation was not enacted during the 2000 legislative year to clarify the state's wheeling laws, the state administration will sponsor legislation in 2001.